

LANDMARKS & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STUDY SESSION MINUTES



SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

5:30 P.M.

Lausmann Annex, Room 151

200 S. Ivy Street, Medford, Oregon

The study session of the Landmarks & Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 5:40 p.m. in room 151 of the Lausmann Annex on the above date with the following members and staff present:

Commissioners: Greg Applen, Jeff Applen, and Karl Geidans. Chair Daniel Smith was absent.

Staff: Assistant Planning Director Kelly Akin, Senior Assistant City Attorney Alicia Wilson, and Recording Secretary Debbie Strigle.

10. Roll Call

20. Commissioner Training

Ms. Wilson gave a PowerPoint presentation on ethics, public meetings, and public records. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Greg Applen had some general questions and comments about the “black” building on the corner of Riverside Avenue and 8th Streets, the canopy that is going up and replacing the gazebo in Alba Park, and the weathervane that was re-located in Bear Creek Park. He also inquired about the requirement for an archaeologist to be on site during the excavation at Carnegie Hall. Ms. Akin answered that the City had retained an archaeologist. She added that the applicant will be paying for it. There was some more discussion on archaeology.

Ms. Akin reported that SHPO had come down for an audit and everything went great. Some ideas and comments that came out of that meeting were:

1. Designation on National Register does not equal local protection
2. Self-training ideas:
 - Project review
 - Bring pictures and let’s review!
 - Anything else of interest

Commissioner Jeff Applen commented that in “planning” for our city, there should be a plan in place in case something happens here like in the Ukraine. There was some discussion on that topic.

Ms. Akin reminded the commissioners that May is National Historic Month. More on that to come in January.

Ms. Akin stated there is business scheduled for the October 4, 2022, meeting.

30. Adjournment

There being no further business, this study session adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

The City Recorder maintains a record of these proceedings with the agenda, minutes and documentation associated with this meeting.

Debbie Strigle
Recording Secretary